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RESPONSE

In reply to the Office Action of January 14, 1999, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and re-examination of this application in light of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 31-38, 40-54, and 56-66 remain pending in this application. Applicants acknowledge and appreciate the withdrawal of the Examiner's previous rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Office Action rejects claims 31-38, 40-54, and 56-66 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as obvious over U.S. Patent No. 5,716,625 (Hahn) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,358,969 (Williamson). According to the Office Action, Hahn teaches the theory of

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